

The facts speak for themselves. Thanks to policies enacted over the past two years by Congress and President Obama, in 2009 [Americans paid the lowest percentage of their income in taxes since 1950](#).

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, federal, state and local taxes consumed approximately 9.2% of all personal income, compared to the average 12% for the last half century. Not only is this one of the lowest levels of taxation in recent American history, it remains significantly below the average tax rate of other members of the [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development](#) (OECD).

Few people realize that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which kept America from slipping into a full-blown depression, cut taxes for 98 percent of all Americans. And thanks to this year's historic health care reform, today America's small businesses are receiving an immediate [tax credit](#) that covers up to 35% of the cost of providing health coverage to workers. This Congress will keep fighting for working families as we make the difficult choices necessary to balance our budgets and ensure future prosperity.